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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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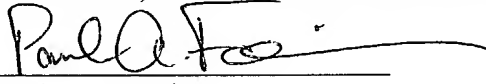
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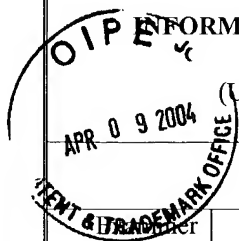
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